



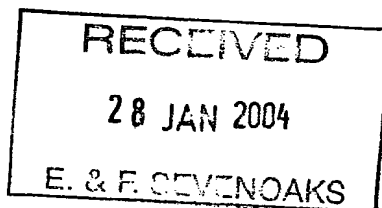
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**Plurality of invention**

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- (a) an ink as defined in claim 1; and
- (b) a polyvinyl alcohol as defined in claim 14.

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want the other invention searched, you should file a further Patents Form 9/77.

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Yours faithfully

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### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	1-12	US 6238841 B1	(GOO CHEMICAL) see whole document especially abstract, column 1 line 39 to column 3 line 36
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